



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Cleveland, OH

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Cleveland was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Heavy manufacturing, which once dominated the city's economic profile, has decreased significantly and left an estimated 4,500 acres of brownfields. The unemployment rate of Cleveland (population 478,803) is double that of the state. The majority of the city's approximately 350 brownfields are in the most disadvantaged neighborhoods that include the target areas. In the four target neighborhoods, 52,497 residents live in poverty, on average 66 percent are minorities, and the combined unemployment rate is 16.4 percent. African-Americans represent 93 percent of the 43,706 residents living in Cleveland's federal Empowerment Zone on the eastern



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Cleveland for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform community outreach, training, and approximately five Phase I and five Phase II site assessments on vacant, industrial properties in the urban core neighborhoods of Cudell, Central, Stockyards, and South Collinwood that have most of the city's abandoned manufacturing sites. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform community outreach, training, and approximately ten Phase I and ten Phase II site assessments at sites with potential petroleum contamination in the same urban areas.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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side of the central target area where the poverty rate is 35 percent. Nearly a third of African-American households lack access to an automobile to reach jobs outside the city. Assessment and cleanup of the city's contaminated properties will reduce development costs for industries looking to expand or build in the city and hire former manufacturing workers.